



Heritage to Horizons...

Commemorating 60 years of
Air and Space Power

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Air Force 60th & Air Force Thunderbirds Debut at RIAT 2007!

Overcast skies didn't dampen the spirits of the more than 160,000 people who attended the 2007 Royal International Air Tattoo from 14-15 July at RAF Fairford, England. The AF 60th Anniversary Exhibit, on display at RIAT, attracted thousands of aviation enthusiasts, including Margaret Thatcher and Prince Edward of Kent! The Air Force Reserve Command Bagpipe Troup entertained audiences on the ground while the USAF Thunderbirds thrilled them in the skies above performing their Air Force 60th Commemoration Show.

AF/CVAT UPDATES

Sept 18th, 2007

Less than two months remain until the Air Force 60th Birthday and across the Air Force—plans to mark the actual date are well underway.

In Washington DC, CVAT and Air Force District of Washington event planners are organizing a full-day of commemoration programs. Activities include—a wreath laying ceremony at the Air Force Memorial, performances by Tops in Blue, Armed Forces Entertainment, the USAF Drill team, a special reading of an Air Force 60th Congressional resolution and a cake cutting ceremony

in the Pentagon Courtyard.

All in the Washington DC area at that time are welcome to be part of events marking this monumental date for the Air Force!

Aviation Nation 2007

The capstone event for the Air Force 60th Anniversary will be Aviation Nation 2007 at Nellis AFB from 10-11 November. The capstone event kicks-off the week prior with Heritage Week—Las Vegas and an Air and Space Symposium for Air Force and aviation industry leaders. Be sure to let your leadership

know and join in our final event that will wrap up a sensational year honoring our Heritage and recognizing our Horizons.

Sept / Oct AF60 Newsletter

September and October will be big months for events and projects recognizing the Air Force's 60th Anniversary. Share your plans with others—send us information / photos of your AF60 events and we will try to cover them in upcoming AF60 newsletters. Send material to:

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AF60 SNAPSHOTS

**A Perfect Landing**

Wings of Blue Jumper TSgt. Mike Kendrick marks the Air Force 60th Anniversary this summer on a recent jump in Colorado near Pike's Peak. WoB added the AF60 Flag into their jump routine for the commemoration this year.

**True Heritage to Horizons**

Dawn Seymour, a Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) member, shares a moment at the EAA Air Venture in Oshkosh, WI, with Brig. Gen. Janet Therianos, Director, Air Force 60th Anniversary Task Force, and a young aviation enthusiast. Seymour attended the AF60 Exhibit and was part of the Women's SOAR program—encouraging high school females to explore aviation and technology fields.

**A Hero's Recognition**

Gen. Bruce Carlson, AFMC/CC, presents SSgt. Frank Bartlett a Purple Heart for injuries sustained in WWII. Bartlett received his medal at a ceremony in front of 60,000 cheering spectators during the "Freedom's Call Tattoo" marking the 60th Anniversary at the National Museum of the USAF on June 29.

AROUND THE AIR FORCE

Fairchild Speaker's Series

As part of the on-going 60th Anniversary Speaker's Series at Fairchild AFB, WA, former Chief of Staff of the Air Force, retired General Ronald Fogelman spoke to more than 400 Airmen on 24 July. General Fogelman, who served on active-duty for 34 years, is now the National Chairman for the Airlift/Tanker Association and spoke to the audience about the importance of strategic deterrence, emergence of aviation and airpower and development of warfare abilities.

RAGBRAI

On 22 Jul, a team of AF cyclists donned jerseys sporting the Air Force 60th Anniversary logo and set off to ride across Iowa, a total of 472 miles, in seven days. The team joined more than 8500 riders participating in the 35th annual Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa. Along the way the team stopped in towns to pass out AF60 stickers, pins and mini-footballs, helping spread the word about the Air Force and the 60th Anniversary, one mile at a time.

Senior Enlisted Summit

More than 360 Senior Enlisted members from across the Air Force and across the career field spectrum attended the first-ever Enlisted Senior Leader Summit at Gunter Annex, AL on 27 Jul. The summit, hosted by CMSAF Rodney McKinley, was an opportunity to discuss the current force issues—but also time to reflect on AF heritage and commemorate the 60th Anniversary during a Heritage Diner in Montgomery. More than 650 Airmen attended the dinner including the first CMSAF, Paul Airey, and eight former CMSAFs.

AF60 SPOTLIGHT

Air Force 60 in the AOR

Airmen assigned to the 332nd Aerospace Expeditionary Wing, Kirkuk AB on the front-line of the Global War on Terror are taking extraordinary strides to commemorate the Air Force 60th Anniversary in a series of events that began in July and are scheduled to run through September.

SMSgt. Keith McIntosh is leading a 60th Anniversary AOR task force putting on an extensive array of events under the theme: *The United States Air Force embraces its proud heritage and pays tribute to the dedication, sacrifice, and contributions of those who pioneered the skies ahead of us.*

Events include an AF60 Flag-Raising Ceremony, Brown-Bag Lunch Series, Council Cup Challenge, AF60 Mural Project and a Dining-Out among other things.

At the first Brown-Bag Series, organizers showed an interview with CMSgt Paul Airey, the first Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force—a perfect start as he reflected on his knowledge and

**AF60 Flying High in the AOR**

Airmen stationed at Kirkuk AB host an AF60 Flag Raising ceremony on 27 Jul. Col Douglas Tucker presided over the ceremony and SSgt Laquetta Broome sang the National Anthem as the AF60 was raised to fly with the US Flag and Iraqi Flag—showing our commitment to freedom-seeking nations.

AF60 SPOTLIGHT (CONT.)

and experiences pre-Air Force and throughout its 60 Year History. Other planned videos include one of the Tuskegee Airmen—who formed the first “332nd” in WWII as a Fighter Group. The 332nd continues this legacy today as an Aerospace Expeditionary Wing.

The Council Cup consists of eight physically and mentally challenging events that poses teams from various councils—

CGOs, Top 4, Commanders and others—against each other for the ultimate title! In the first event, the “Ups Challenge” the Top 4 came out on top beating out the CGOs in competition of pull-ups, push-ups and sit-ups.

The 332nd AEW are also designing an AF60 Mural which will serve as a lasting reminder for future Airmen deployed to the AOR of this historic time in AF history.



Airmen in the AOR take time to learn about their heritage at a Brown Bag Series Luncheon and kick-up some dust during a kick-ball game. Both events were part of Kirkuk's AF 60th Anniversary Commemoration.

AF60 SEEN & HEARD

Check out the latest places where you may hear heard the AF60 Message through our Public Service Announcements, historic Heritage to Horizons Video, and news outlets!

In the News

Jul 8- [The MaComb Daily](#) showcases a bit of AF and Wisconsin ANG early history, highlighting the construction of a WWI plane and pro-

moting Selfridge Air National Guard Base's 90th Anniversary and their commemoration of the Air Force's 60th Anniversary.

July 15—Dodge City, KS CBS affiliate KBSD covered “Air Power in the Air Capital”, McConnell AFB's Open House and their 60th Anniversary focus.

July 15: [The BBC](#) covered the thrilling performances during the Royal International Air Tattoo, the Air Force 60th Anniversary and the Thunderbirds debut at the event.

July 21: [The Dayton Daily News](#) highlighted Thunderbird Maj Samantha Weeks and the team's AF60 performance at the Dayton Air Show.

EVENTS ON THE HORIZON

The following is a list of upcoming events that will recognize or commemorate the Air Force's 60th Anniversary throughout the Air Force and civilian community.

3-Aug	Sea Fair	Seattle, WA
11-Aug	USAF Thunderbirds—AF60 Performance	Niagara Falls, NY
15-Aug	USAF Thunderbirds-AF60 Performance	Atlantic City, NJ
18-Aug	USAF Thunderbirds-AF60 Performance	Chicago, IL
17-Aug	Air Force Week—New England	Boston, MA
21-Aug	Tuskegee Airmen International	Dallas, TX
24-Aug	Dyess 60th Anniversary Ball	Abilene, TX
25-Aug	Hotter'n Hell Hundred Bicycle Race	Sheppard AFB, TX
25-Aug	Japanese American Friendship Festival	Yokota, Japan
25-Aug	USAF Thunderbirds—AF60 Performance	Otis ANGB, MA
31-Aug	National Museum of the Air Force—Model Aircraft Air Show	Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
Aug-Sep	AF Exhibit Heritage Display—Port Columbus Airport	Columbus, OH

Air Force Flyovers and Band events commemorate the AF 60th Anniversary in their scripts and introductions. Events below are planned and subject to change.

Flyovers - 90 events requested in August
For information on scheduled Flyovers visit:

<https://www.airshows.pa.hq.af.mil/PublicSite/Index.cfm?fwa=home>

Bands— 61 events in July

For information on upcoming concerts for one or more of the 13 AF bands, please visit:

<http://www.af.mil/library/band/>

